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THE JUDGE AND THE SENATE
By Jerome O'Callaghan, Ph.D.

LUBBOCK -- As September approaches and the Senate Judiciary Committee warms up for its confirmation hearings, arguments about the fate of Roe v. Wade have sprung up all over. In Washington, some committee members are worried about Roe itself while others are worried about the propriety of asking Judge David Souter how he would vote on Roe.

Prior nominees such as Sandra Day O'Connor and Antonin Scalia have successfully deflected questions about particular cases and issues, and there is some merit to a Supreme Court nominee saying that it's not his/her business to prejudge a case. Souter will likely adopt this stance.

So far there's no evidence that the nominee has developed his judicial evaluation of Roe. No doubt he has his own emotional, religious and/or political feelings about abortion in general, but those need not coincide with his judicial opinion of Roe. Indeed you can expect to hear him say, as judges often like to say, that he has a duty to keep his personal and judicial opinions entirely separate.

In my estimation the committee has little to gain from questions about the fate of a specific case, especially one as controversial as Roe. Souter will hardly establish a legal/political agenda before the Senate and the media.

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The committee would do better to probe his commitment to precedent. For example, under what circumstances did he, in the past, consider it appropriate to overrule a decision? Would his standards on overruling change after he moved from a state Supreme Court to the nation's highest court? If the answer to the second question is yes, then, what reason does he have for changing standards? In short, the committee needs to discover his philosophy on the need for stability in law.

What little is known about Souter suggests a mild, self-effacing manner that extends to his treatment of the law. His opinions on the New Hampshire Supreme Court indicate that he believes in a minimal exertion of judicial power. He appears to practice what some call "judicial restraint," and indeed that has much to do with his selection by the Bush camp. The theory of judicial restraint is highly praised in conservative circles, though in this case, the gap between theory and practice may not suit conservative ends.

If Souter is devoted to precedent above all else -- and devotion to the law as currently written is one interpretation of judicial review -- then *Roe v. Wade* must stand. On the other hand if he balances adherence to precedent with some other factor, then many landmark cases in constitutional law could be marked for swift demolition.

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Until yet another abortion case is decided, no one can be certain of this nominee's intentions, maybe not even himself. Still, the probability is that Souther, following in the footsteps of the most recent conservative appointees, Anthony Kennedy and Scalia, will disfavor Roe either in part or in whole.

While everyone knows that the fate of Roe hangs in the balance, few realize that another important precedent may also be in jeopardy. In 1965 the Supreme Court decided *Griswold v. Connecticut*, finding a state law that "banned the use of contraceptives" to be unconstitutional. The law failed to pass muster because it infringed on a constitutional right to privacy. *Griswold* is a landmark decision because it is the first decision to find so broad a right in the Bill of Rights.

The *Griswold* case has been criticized by many conservative legal scholars because the right to privacy is not explicitly stated in the Constitution, and that's just the beginning of the controversy. In 1973 *Roe* was decided on the basis of a right to privacy that encompassed a woman's choice to continue or end her pregnancy. The right to privacy established in *Griswold* was the foundation of *Roe*, and if *Roe* falls, so might all constitutional protection for any number of personal and intimate decisions.

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So the Senate hearing in September are about many things. They are about the fate of Roe v. Wade, no matter how oblique the questioning. They are also about judicial review and the importance of precedent. And they are about the right to privacy, the right described by former Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis as, "the right to be let alone -- the most comprehensive of rights, and the right most valued by civilized men."

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RECOGNIZING READING PROBLEMS EARLY CAN AID REMEDIATION

LUBBOCK -- Parents of schoolchildren in the third or fourth grades should take the time to look for warning signs that could indicate reading problems. That's when most reading problems begin to show, said Lester Butler, director of the Reading Laboratory at Texas Tech University.

"Children who are having reading difficulties at that grade level also seem deficient in their oral language skills," he said. "They might not talk with complete sentences or comprehend ideas and concepts. They often have trouble expressing themselves."

Butler said children with reading difficulties also experience trouble with their writing skills. "Often they can't organize their thoughts and they have problems with the mechanics of writing such as spelling and punctuation," he said.

The Reading Laboratory at Texas Tech offers help to such children, said Butler. The program, which utilizes graduate students in the College of Education, assesses reading difficulties and provides individual tutoring.

All new clients and students who have not attended tutoring sessions during the prior six months are required to take a series of diagnostic tests. The tests identify each student's specific reading problems, strengths and weaknesses. Then an individual tutoring plan is developed based on the results of the tests. The fee for the mini-diagnosis is \$30. A complete diagnosis costs \$90.

The program is for children who have reading problems or for those who have been diagnosed as learning disabled or dyslexic. But, Butler said, the lab also is beneficial to students whose parents want to provide enrichment or an extra boost in reading or language arts.

"The Reading Lab emphasizes building students' self-confidence as readers and developing a love of reading," he said.

Although the lab is for children in grades kindergarten through 12, Butler said remediation should be sought once a problem is recognized. As a child gets older, reading problems become more of a social embarrassment.

Butler said it also is important for parents to remember that reading is a three-dimensional process. The skill involves participation from the student, the teacher and the parents.

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LUBBOCK -- Fall training sessions for docents, or tour guides, for the Lubbock Lake Landmark will begin Aug. 14 at the facility's new Robert "Bob" A. Nash Interpretive Center Auditorium located at the Landmark.

The site, which is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its first excavation, was designated in 1987 as a state historic site in the Texas Parks and Wildlife system. Construction recently was completed for an on-site museum, overlook and picnic areas, interpretive trails and a research center for use by the Museum of Texas Tech University.

Volunteers are needed to help with tours throughout the year and during a week-long celebration planned for Oct. 14-21. A symposium and public lecture series during the week will feature world-renowned anthropologists and geologists. The celebration activities also will include a dedication ceremony of the landmark facilities and a regional field trip to the Lubbock Lake Landmark and other archeological, paleontological and geological sites in the southern High Plains.

Susie Hassett, assistant education program manager, said volunteers should have interests in history, archeology or other earth sciences. Volunteers will walk at least one-half to one mile during each tour they give. Tours will last 45 minutes to an hour.

Hassett said docent volunteers will be required to attend one of four general training sessions scheduled for Aug. 14 and 16, Aug. 30 and Sept. 1, Sept. 4 and 6 or Sept. 13 and 15. Persons interested in demonstrating activities such as pottery-making and flintknapping will be required to attend sessions on Aug. 28 and 30 or Sept. 20 and 22. All volunteers must attend a practice tour on Sept. 29 or Oct. 6.

The general training sessions will detail the history and geology of the site and provide volunteers with information about the material culture of the area.

"We'll explain to the volunteers how to identify the tools used by ancient people and how these tools were used. We'll teach them how to recognize animal bones, and how to determine if the bones belonged to an animal that was butchered and if the bones were actually used by prehistoric people," said Hassett. "We want volunteers to be able to answer questions when they are giving the tours."

For more information about the training session times or the docent program, contact Hassett at (806) 742-2456.

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LUBBOCK -- Deniece Jones has been named attorney for students at Texas Tech University. The attorney for students position, funded through student service fees, provides free legal advice to Texas Tech students.

A native of Clovis, N.M., Jones received her bachelor's degree in 1978 in psychology/sociology from Eastern New Mexico University. Jones graduated from the Texas Tech School of Law in 1985 and began working as an attorney for the Lubbock law firm of Ware and Rosas.

In 1986, Jones became an assistant district attorney for Lubbock Criminal District Attorney Jim Bob Darnell. Jones then served in 1987 as appellate chief for newly elected District Attorney Travis Ware. Later that year, she went into private practice in Lubbock.

Jones said her main goal as the attorney for students is to make the students more aware of the free service her office provides and to assure them that her work is comparable to the work of any other law office.

The attorney for students serves in an advisory capacity about legal problems ranging from settling landlord disputes to writing wills. Jones said many services, such as contracts, personal releases and bills of sale, can be completed within the office.

The only limitation, according to Jones, is that the attorney for students does not represent students in the courtroom. However, in those cases, Jones refers students to local attorneys to represent the case in court.

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[MEDIA ADVISORY: Media are invited to attend a reception honoring Fred Wehmeyer at 3 p.m. Monday (Aug. 20) in the University Center Courtyard. A presentation during the reception will begin at 3:30 p.m.]

LUBBOCK -- Fred Wehmeyer, associate vice president for physical plant and support services at Texas Tech University, has announced plans to retire on Aug. 31 after 29 years of service to Texas Tech.

In his office, Wehmeyer is responsible for building maintenance and utilities, utilities and custodial services. He also is responsible for personnel in landscape architecture, university police services, traffic control and parking, grounds maintenance, the central warehouse and environmental health and safety.

Under Wehmeyer's supervision, university operations won several regional and national honors. The most recent award was the 1990 International Award for Excellence in Facilities Management from the Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges. Texas Tech won the regional title earlier this year and in 1989.

Other honors have included Cost Reduction Incentive Awards in 1985, 1986 and 1989 from the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

Wehmeyer, a Fredericksburg native, earned a bachelor's degree in 1958 in industrial and personnel management at the University of Texas at Austin. He served as a personnel assistant at the university from 1959-61.

Wehmeyer came to Texas Tech in 1961 as director of personnel. In 1969, he was named assistant vice president for administrative services. He became associate vice president for administrative services in 1971.

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LUBBOCK -- The Texas Tech University Meats Laboratory was the winner of five first place awards at the 1990 Texas Association of Meat Processors (TAMP) Convention held recently in College Station.

Eight products from the Meats Lab were entered in the school/institutional division of the TAMP product show. The event allows meat processors to enter products in a variety of categories. Winners are chosen based on elements such as the appearance and taste of the product.

The Meats Lab received first place for entries in the deli tray, beef jerky, commercial ham, honey glazed ham and prime rib categories. Two second place awards were given for entries in the bacon and breakfast sausage categories.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: A student from your area is included in this release.)

LUBBOCK -- Three senior agricultural economics students at Texas Tech University recently placed third overall at a competition sponsored by the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Jason Johnson, son of Margaret and Larry Johnson of Jacksboro; Wade Kuehler, son of John and Patsy Kuehler of Amarillo; and Blane Smith, son of Jerry and Donna Smith of Lazbuddie; represented Texas Tech at the AAEA's Academic Quiz Bowl.

The Quiz Bowl, which is conducted like a television game show, is an annual component of the student section of the AAEA meetings. In the competition students demonstrate their knowledge and skill by answering questions in several areas of agricultural economics.

Members of the Texas Tech team competed against 15 other teams from the United States and Canada. Texas Tech was the only Texas university represented at the event. Washington State University, which entered two teams in the competition, placed first and second.

Johnson, Kuehler and Smith were selected by faculty in Texas Tech's department of agricultural economics from approximately 280 students enrolled in the department. The three students were chosen for their academic achievements and excellence in the classroom.

"These three outstanding students did an excellent job of representing Texas Tech, in addition to gaining national attention for the university's academic program in agricultural economics," said Steve Morse, assistant professor of agricultural economics and team coach.

Johnson, who served as Texas Tech's team captain, also was elected as a national vice president for the student section of the AAEA. During his one-year term, Johnson will represent members of the southern region of the United States at various AAEA functions.

Also during the conference, Texas Tech was recognized as having one of the top three AAEA student chapters in the United States and Canada. Judging for the contest was based on club goals and objectives, membership recruitment and activities.

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AUG 17 University second summer session final exams through Aug. 18

AUG 20 Fall 1990 law school classes begin

Fraternity and sorority fall rush begins
on campus and Greek Circle through Aug. 26

Retirement reception honoring Fred Wehmeyer, associate vice
president for physical plan and support services,
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LUBBOCK -- William G. Wehner, a development professional with 23 years experience in institutional advancement, has been named vice president for development for Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Texas Tech President Robert W. Lawless announced the appointment, effective Sept. 17.

Since 1988 Wehner has served as vice chancellor for development and university relations at Texas Christian University.

In making the announcement, Dr. Lawless said, "As we move through the 1990s toward the 21st century, Texas Tech will rely more and more on investments in intellectual capital from the private sector to achieve the standard of excellence we wish for the university and the health sciences center. Bill Wehner will bring to Texas Tech the development experience, the managerial skill and the leadership qualities that will play an important role in our success."

Wehner said, "I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in my work in behalf of Texas Tech University and the Health Sciences Center. My family and I are especially eager to relocate in Lubbock. I anticipate a long and fruitful association with Texas Tech and the community."

Wehner succeeds Colette Murray, who resigned in April to become corporate vice president for development with the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit.

Before going to TCU, Wehner held vice presidential appointments in development at Drew University in Madison, N.J., and Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va. At those institutions he had broad administrative experience in conducting capital campaigns, organizing direct mail and phone solicitations, increasing alumni giving and expanding unrestricted budgetary support for the institutions.

Wehner previously served as a staff fund-raising consultant for Frantzreb & Pray Associates, Inc., of New York City where he worked with four educational institutions. He also worked two years as east coast regional director for fund-raising efforts at Washington University in St. Louis.

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He earned his bachelor's degree in history in 1963 from Oklahoma State University. He has done graduate work at the Southern Methodist University and Oklahoma City University.

Wehner and his wife, the former Carolyn Keyes of Ashland, Va., have two sons.

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LUBBOCK -- A memorial endowed scholarship in memory of Lubbock computer consultant Jesse Mickey has been established for Texas Tech University students in the advanced information systems research program.

The Texas Tech College of Business Administration's Institute for Studies of Organizational Automation (ISOA) and the board of directors of the West Texas Chapter of the Data Processing Management Association (DPMA) established the initial fund for the scholarship. Donations currently are being accepted through the College of Business Administration to complete the endowment.

The Jesse Mickey Memorial Scholarship Endowment will provide support for Texas Tech students who have demonstrated talent and interest in working on new developments in information systems.

Mickey died Jan. 28 after a 45 year career as a pioneer in the information systems profession. Mickey taught some of the first introductory data processing workshops in West Texas. He had been a senior programmer since 1983 for the Lubbock County Data Processing Department.

He was a founding member of the West Texas Chapter of the DPMA (formerly the Association of Machine Accountants) and served as president and board member. Mickey was one of the initiators of the South Plains Cotton Co-op's world-wide cotton trading systems and worked with colleagues on early data processing systems for Lubbock banks and other local institutions.

Shortly before his death, he wrote a history of the early developments in data processing in West Texas which recently has been published in booklet form by ISOA.

To contribute to the endowment fund or to obtain Mickey's data processing booklet, contact ISOA Director Kathleen Hennessey, Ph.D., at (806) 742-1609.

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CHEMICAL HAZARDS -- In the workplace, unknown chemical hazards can be lurking virtually anywhere, and in the past, not all employees were aware of potential dangers. In recent years, the Texas Hazard Communication Act has changed that by requiring businesses across the state to inform their employees of the types of chemicals used and the potential dangers of these chemicals in the workplace. The act enforces the employee's "right to know" potential hazards by providing accessible information on various chemicals and annual training in such areas as emergency procedures, chemical inventory and proper labeling. At the TTHSC, annual training is a requirement for all faculty and staff, through the Safety Services Department. For more information on the hazard act and its role in the workplace, contact Arnie Smith, TTHSC chemical hygiene officer, at (806) 743-1911.

KIDS' LUNCHES -- When millions of American youngsters go back to school this fall, many will be carrying lunch boxes and brown paper bags filled with high fat, high calorie foods. These foods can lead many children to the same dramatic weight gains and elevated cholesterol levels found in adults, according to Steffany Brich, a nutritionist for TRIM, a TTHSC weight-loss program in the department of family medicine. But parents can take a positive step toward protecting their children against future health risks by making simple substitutions in their youngster's lunch box. By substituting mustard for mayonnaise, popcorn for potato chips and skim milk for whole milk, a child can save enough calories to equal as much as 20 pounds when eaten during the course of a school year. Parents need to help their children get into the habit of eating healthy foods, she said. After all, the health habits children learn early will become their same habits as adults. For more on kids and good nutrition, contact Brich at (806) 743-2767.

For assistance on these or other stories, contact Kim Davis or Preston Lewis at TTHSC News and Publications, (806) 743-2143.

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LUBBOCK -- Already one person has died in the Houston area, and several more could fall victim this summer to encephalitis -- a rare mosquito-borne disease known to cause severe damage to the central nervous system.

The disease -- often called sleeping sickness -- is so serious that just one or two cases is enough to be considered an outbreak, according to Jack Hayes, Ph.D., a vector ecologist in the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center department of preventive medicine and community health.

St. Louis encephalitis (SLE) and western equine encephalitis (WEE) are transmitted to humans by the bite of a vector, any insect -- in this case mosquitos -- that transmits disease from infected to noninfected individuals. Two common vectors -- *Culex tarsalis* and *Culex quinquefasciatus* -- have been identified among the 65-plus mosquito species found in Texas, Hayes explained.

Although West Texas is generally considered to have a low population of mosquitos, Hayes said, the right climatic equations -- such as the recent heavy rainfalls -- can change all that.

"It may not seem like we have many mosquitos in this area," he said. "But ask any golfer or any farmer in the area and they'll tell you another story. The South Plains is not immune to this sometimes fatal disease."

Sleeping sickness symptoms range from mild influenza-like symptoms to life-threatening damage to the central nervous system, including confusion, delirium, convulsions, impaired motor and intellectual skills, and sometimes coma and death. The WEE virus can be especially dangerous to young children, he said, causing gradual deterioration of the nervous system, while the SLE virus generally strikes older people.

However, Hayes added, only about 1 in 200 people infected with the SLE virus develop symptoms.

"It is a serious illness," he said. "Fortunately not very many people are affected by it, but those who are usually are young children and older people. Although it's rare, it is still important to be aware of the virus and the potential dangers that go along with it."

These sleeping sickness viruses originate in birds who serve as hosts. The infection is then spread to man through the carrier mosquito, Hayes explained.

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Stagnant water and warm temperatures provide the best breeding conditions for the *Culex quinquefasciatus* mosquito to multiply. In West Texas, the best breeding areas often can be found in poorly drained ditches, catch basins and buckets people use to catch rainwater runoff during the summer.

However, these mosquitos cannot be infected unless birds in the area are carrying the virus. Each year, during the summer months, researchers across the state track various birds and draw blood samples to test for the encephalitis viruses.

If blood/serum analyses show that one or more birds are carrying the infection, mosquito control measures are intensified in the area.

If someone is affected by the virus, symptoms usually appear within 10 to 15 days and generally hit hard, Hayes said. Often they subside as quickly as they appeared and neurological damage in severe cases often will not show up for several months or even years.

"Some infants have been infected with the WEE virus at only a few weeks of age and it goes virtually unnoticed," Hayes said. "Sometimes as many as three years have gone by before the child begins to deteriorate in motor and/or intellectual skills. It's such an unfortunate situation."

Equally disheartening, he said, is that encephalitis is one of the most difficult infections to diagnose and is often mistaken for other disorders.

Often, the virus is unable to be identified with blood/serum studies until the patient has already begun to recover.

Since these viruses seldom respond to antibiotic drugs, the basic treatment consists of easing symptoms and allowing the patient's natural defenses to overcome the infection. Usually, he added, this only amounts to being kept comfortable and well-nourished.

People should not be overly concerned about contracting sleeping sickness, Hayes said, but they should be aware of its dangers and whether or not they are contributing to potential mosquito breeding grounds around the house.

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LUBBOCK -- The skies over the Museum of Texas Tech University will be full of kites during Kite Fest '90 scheduled for Sept. 1.

The free event, sponsored each year by the West Texas Museum Association (WTMA), will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at noon.

Families are invited to bring their kites and fly them together. Children who attended the kite making and flying courses during the Museum's Summer Youth Classes will be at the event to demonstrate their products and skills.

Free drinks and popcorn will be served on the front portico of the Museum to participants and observers. The Museum, with its Explorium Gallery, also will be open for touring.

The Museum is located at Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue. For more information, contact Linda Roberts, executive administrator of the WTMA, at 742-2443.

Underwriting for the "fun-raiser" is being donated by Methodist Hospital.

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NEW TEXAS PARK PROVIDES ARCHEOLOGICAL INSIGHT

LUBBOCK -- A new state park, scheduled to open Oct. 14 in Lubbock, won't feature the usual assortment of playground equipment, tennis courts and jogging trails. Instead, the park's attraction will be ancient bones and prehistoric projectile points.

The park, the Lubbock Lake Landmark State Historical Park, is the result of a cooperative venture between the city of Lubbock, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Tech University. At the heart of the development is the Lubbock Lake Landmark, a West Texas tract of land that possesses evidence of 12,000 years of continuous human existence.

The unique 300-acre site, located in a meander of Yellowhouse Draw in northwest Lubbock, features layers of sediment 24 to 30 feet deep that have been undisturbed by erosion. Each layer contains a record of a particular time period.

"The site basically is little packages of time stacked one on top of the other," said Eileen Johnson, curator of anthropology and director of Landmark research. "It's one of the largest hunter-gatherer complexes we know of in the New World. You can study man's entire existence in the New World in one spot instead of having to go to 100 different sites."

Artifacts found at the Landmark date back to the Clovis Period some 11,500 years ago. Skeletal remains unearthed include those of bison, a giant armadillo about the size of a Volkswagen Beetle and a giant short-faced bear, which in mass was about three times larger than bears today.

Replicas of some of the artifacts will be exhibited in the park's new facilities which will include an interpretive center, overlook and picnic areas and interpretive trails. Personnel at a research center operated by the Museum of Texas Tech University will evaluate and process the site's treasures, then transfer them to the Museum for storage and further research.

A week of celebration events, scheduled for Oct. 14-21, formally will open the Lubbock Lake Landmark State Historical Park to the public. Activities will include the dedication of the park's facilities, public tours of the site, a public lecture series and an international symposium of scholars representing every continent of the world.

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LUBBOCK-- Thirty-one transfer students at Texas Tech University have received \$200 Phi Theta Kappa alumni chapter scholarships for fall 1990.

Among the recipients are/is: ^ R

Phi Theta Kappa is a national junior and community college honor society. Membership is based on academic standing, leadership and service.

The Phi Theta Kappa alumni chapter at Texas Tech consists of honor society members who have transferred from junior and community colleges.

The Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Chapter is recognized as one of the best alumni chapters in the nation. The current chapter average, a 3.3, is one of the highest grade point averages among Texas Tech student organizations.

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LUBBOCK -- Two Texas Tech Health Sciences Center researchers have been awarded grants totaling more than \$21,000 by the South Plains Foundation, a non-profit corporation established last year to meet needs of the region's health care services and institutions.

A grant of \$11,650 was awarded to Peter A. Doris, Ph.D., of the cell biology and anatomy department for research examining endogenous digitalis and a grant of \$9,550 was presented to Herbert F. Janssen, Ph.D., of the orthopedic surgery and physiology departments for research on blood flow to bone and bone tumor.

President Max L. Ince and Executive Director Robert P. Anderson, Ph.D., of the South Plains Foundation announced the grants. Among the ways the South Plains Foundation will be supporting health care services in the region is by promoting both basic and applied research projects in health care.

Research by Doris is narrowing in on a digitalis-like material produced by cells in the adrenal gland. Identifying and learning to produce this material may help lead to the development of safer and more effective drug therapies for heart failure than are always possible with digitalis, a plant-derived drug widely used in treatment of heart failure.

Janssen is seeking to understand how bone biopsies, which are necessary to assess the extent and severity of certain cancers, may contribute to the spread of the cancer to other places in the body. The study will determine if pharmacological means can be used to reduce blood flow from bone tumors and decrease the spread of tumor cells beyond the biopsy site.

The two grants, both for one-year, are the first awarded to the health sciences center by the South Plains Foundation. Executive Director Anderson said the foundation's goal is to support programs and research of benefit to the health care services and institutions on the South Plains.

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LUBBOCK -- The course "Recruitment and Retention of Health Care Personnel" will be offered by the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center (TTHSC) School of Nursing Continuing Nursing Education Program, Sept. 13-14.

The course will emphasize different marketing strategies and unique ideas for recruiting and retaining nurses.

Presenter Suzanne Hall Johnson, R.N., M.N., is the director of Hall Johnson Communications where she is a marketing consultant for nursing image and recruitment projects. She is the producer of the new videotape, "Marketing: Communicating Your Value to Patients and Colleagues" and has authored "High Risk Parenting," which was awarded an American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award.

Registration costs \$32 before Aug. 30 and \$47 afterward. The course is scheduled 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day in Room 2B152, TTHSC. Participants will receive 1.2 continuing education units.

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